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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MUR 6738 (Jonathan Broyhill)
Recommendation to Close the File

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This matter was generated by a Complaint filed by Brad Miller for United States Congress (the "Committee"), Miller's principal campaign committee for the 2012 election in North Carolina's 13th Congressional District. The Complaint alleged that Jonathan W. Broyhill made a total of approximately \$58,000 of unauthorized disbursements from February 2011 through March 2013 while serving as the Committee's bookkeeper. Broyhill concealed his embezzlement by entering false payments and disbursements in the Committee's records. Broyhill was the sole employee of SkyBlue Strategies, a proprietorship owned and operated by Jamie Hahn, which the Committee engaged for campaign management, fundraising, and compliance services. As the Committee's bookkeeper, Broyhill had access to the Committee's mailbox, telephone, e-mail account, bank account, checkbook, and reporting software.

On April 22, 2013, a few days after the Committee and Hahn discovered Broyhill's embezzlement, Hahn confronted Broyhill about his activities and Broyhill physically attacked Hahn and her husband, resulting in Hahn's death and seriously injuring her husband. On March

1 18, 2015, Broyhill was convicted of first-degree murder of Jamie Hahn, among other charges.
2 On March 19, 2015, Broyhill was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.
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4 On May 19, 2015, the Commission found reason to believe that Broyhill knowingly and
5 willfully violated section 30114(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the "Act"), and
6 authorized conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause.
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24 Because it appears that Broyhill does not wish to engage in pre-probable cause
25 conciliation, and that Broyhill will likely spend the remainder of his life in prison serving his
26 sentences for murder, attempted murder, and assault with a deadly weapon, further pursuit of this
27 matter would not be a prudent use of the Commission's limited resources. Accordingly, we now
28 recommend that the Commission close the file in MUR6738.
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30 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
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34 2. Approve the appropriate letters.